Rochester Sept. 5. 1835.

Dear Wife

Yours of Aug. 31. has just been received, & I sit down at once to reply to it, so that you shall hear from by "return of mail". I have been in this place a week, lectured three times, & give another lecture to morrow (Sabbath) at 5 o'clock P.M. This will be my last lecture in this place, for the present, though I shall be in this vicinity for two or three weeks to come. When I first came, there were some demonstrations of a furious opposition — two handbills were issued, one calling on the mob to be at our Monday Evening's meeting to put us down, & the other calling a meeting of citizens to see what measures should be taken to stop the progress of fanaticism &c — Both attempts were an utter failure & the enemy has been ready since to gnash his teeth from sheer disappointment. So the Lord has always delivered me out of the hand of the enemy. We had the same thing to meet at LeRoy, but our triumph was complete — so much so that I have been informed within a day or two that the man, who took the lead in the opposition there, is now an abolitionist. On Monday next I am to meet the ladies of the city to form a Ladies Anti Slavery Society — I think we shall get a goodly number. On Wednesday I go to Brighton 3 miles distant — Friday to Churchville — Sabbath to Le Roy — Tuesday after, to Brockport Sabbath after to Lockport or Niagara — thence back to Rochester & other places on my way homeward. At least, for the present this seems to be the arrangements. You had better however direct

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your letters to me at Rochester, care of Mr Geo. A. Avery, unless there is something special in the state of your health or otherwise, on account of which it is all-important I should hear from you as soon as possible. In that case direct to me at Lockport or Niagara, according to the time you write, calculating that it will take your letter about one week to reach me at either place.

You will see by my former letter, which you will have received ere this that I have determined on some arrangement like that which you suggest. I have been thinking the matter over since I wrote you, & as nothing comparatively has been done in Conn. on the subject, I think the committee will give me that State as my field for the winter & I can operate in it at my leisure, making Farmington head-quarters, & only going into the towns in that vicinity - so being with you most of the time - & at the same time, by correspondence & I can be maturing matters for a State Convention in the Spring. Perhaps some arrangement of this sort could be made, if the West Hartford Church is destitute of a Pastor for me to supply that for two or three months as a temporary supply - & thus accomplish two things at a time, obtain a partial support in that way, & by exchanges with ministers in the vicinity, carry abolition into the adjoining places. Suppose you ~~[illegible]~~ make the inquiry, if you have an opportunity of Mr Porter, & if the church is vacant, say that I probably might be had as a temporary supply. Unless you shall very much prefer otherwise, I think we had better make Farmington home, for the winter. I think, if I am with you, as I shall be, we

South are doing us good. The free blood of the North is hardly ready to succumb to Sou can be made more comfortable there than at Wrentham. I shall come home early in the fall & shall thus have time to put every thing in snug, comfortable order, & if you wish some of your Wrentham friends with you, let Harriet come & spend the Winter with us. By being at Farmington, through the fall & winter I can get the farm in such a situation that it will make a comfortable home for us, if we wish to keep it, or sell to advantage if we do not. However I shall be governed by your wishes in the case, entirely.

In regard to the painting - Have the inside painted as you think best - Leave the outside till I come - for that can be done without incommoding us within doors & I think I will get it done cheaper than to have it done now. You have decided wisely in regard to the stairs.

I have written to Boston to see if the N. E. A. S. Society will not give me up the Copy right of my lectures, so that I may re-write them & publish a new Edition - I think I may realise something in that way, if they will do it, as I trust they will. Let me hear from you as often as you can. And now, as for little Ned - the dear little fellow - tell him Papa wants to see him very much - sends him a kiss - wants him to be a good boy & not tease mama - & will come home as soon as he can. - Tell Huldah she must be good also, & help you & her aunt all she can. Love to Uncle & family.

The prospects of our Cause in this section are very good - A large majority of the clergymen of the Baptist & Presbyterian Church I think are with us. There is scarce a pulpit in the country towns into which I could not get entrance. The field is white & only needs laborers. The great meetings at the east, as especially at the South are doing us good. The free blood of the North is hardly ready to succumb & bow to the domineering dictation of the South. I rejoice to learn that you are no worse than when you wrote before. Spare no expense to make yourself comfortable - Lean on God for support - & believe me as ever your Affectionate Husband

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